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Significant Items - Week of 13 November 1978

1. Our Maintenance Section completed relamping [] Richards MIM-4 light tables during the week. The new light grids have a potential illumination of 6,000 foot-lamberts, 2,500 foot-lamberts more than is normally required for interpretation. An improved lamp coating permits this higher output. This 2,500 foot-lamberts "reserve" will permit a considerable increase in grid life and should require only fine tuning of the tables to maintain a high level of illumination.

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2. [] as OIA's Photo Liaison Officer, and [] as [] replacement at the DDO, attended the CIA Photo Liaison Conference [] The conference was sponsored by the Requirements and Evaluation Staff, NFAC and included presentations by [] Program Offices, EXSUBCOM, ICRS, and [] representatives. Major points of interest were the continuing emphasis placed upon analyst feedback to component Liaison Officers when collection requirements are satisfied, []

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3. Airplanes received considerable attention during the week. A preliminary post-mortem of the SR-71 mission over Cuba resulted in identifying several areas of concern. The 9th RTS processed the O.N. and produced three D.P. copies for IEG, DB-5, and SAC. Our D.P. copy was later produced from the O.N. by DIA RPP here in town and was rated one to two NIIRs higher than IEG's copy. The difference was a result of different processes and chemistries. The 9th RTS reporting of Flogger variants conflicted with final analysis in IEG and OIA. Also, the transportation of the O.N. and three D.P.'s from Beale AFB to Washington included a 14 hour delay on the west coast waiting for a military aircraft. ASPD is conducting further studies into the film and film processing while DIA and the Air Force are looking to refine their logistics.



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